

Wyoming Department of Transportation Revenue Information System

Background

The Revenue Information System (RIS) is used for a significant amount of computer transactions by the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) and 30 other entities including state and federal agencies, county clerks and treasurers, and others. The system was developed in the 1980s using COBOL technology and resides on the Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) mainframe. Though currently fairly stable, the system's antiquated technology limits the ability to find expertise to continue to maintain it.

WYDOT has worked with others, including ETS, to assemble a stakeholder group to discuss revenue system needs.

WYDOT has evaluated the development of a replacement system both internally and through ETS, and determined that the resources to do this do not currently exist.

To control costs, WYDOT has committed to hire a consultant to help evaluate needs and vendor options before investing in a particular system or approach.

Current Issues

The 2017 Wyoming Legislature raised driver's license fees and the state portion of vehicle registration fees to partially offset WYDOT's complete loss of general funds, but this legislation reduces state funding to the department by an estimated \$2 million a year, and leaves WYDOT an estimated \$72.8 million a year short of the level needed to maintain the state's highways in their present condition.

Estimates for updating RIS are in the \$50 million range.

If desired, WYDOT will present a final proposal to the Joint Interim Transportation Committee.

Legislative Recommendation

WYDOT has developed a revenue bill that is ready for consideration at the appropriate time.

Continue to receive updates from WYDOT. Consider whether to sponsor technology fee increase legislation and determine when such legislation is appropriate.